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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED

1973-74

Details of slaughterings are compiled from the following sources:

- (i) Principal abattoirs: monthly statistical returns,
- (ii) Country butcheries: annual statistical returns,
- (iii) Farms and stations: annual farm census.

In the case of (iii) above, numbers only of livestock slaughtered are collected, dressed carcass weights being estimated on the basis of particulars compiled from the annual returns from country butcheries. The monthly details of slaughterings shown in Table 2 include estimates derived by apportioning the annual totals for country butcheries, and farms and stations.

Livestock slaughtered for boiling down and livestock slaughtered for human consumption but subsequently condemned are excluded from these statistics.

Please note that statistics of quantity are shown in tonnes (1 tonne = 1,000 kilograms; 1 kg = 2.2 lb approx.).

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

No. 1 - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED (a)

Item	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
Cattle -					
Number slaughtered	381,870	340,276	383,637	462,932	477,444
Dressed carcass weight tonnes	71,985	63,903	76,942	88,897	93,460
Calves -					
Number slaughtered	20,413	7,691	5,343	15,196	9,490
Dressed carcass weight tonnes	1,071	131	349	1,155	646
Sheep -					
Number slaughtered	3,164,035	2,931,480	4,105,975	4,229,382	2,570,877
Dressed carcass weight tonnes	58,827	56,538	77,901	75,133	48,441
Lambs -					
Number slaughtered	1,370,402	1,484,840	1,894,541	1,318,626	1,185,385
Dressed carcass weight tonnes	19,220	22,105	27,218	17,785	17,716
Pigs -					
Number slaughtered	315,632	316,262	367,254	537,520	496,557
Dressed carcass weight tonnes	16,986	16,734	19,962	30,359	28,270
Total dressed carcass weight of all livestock slaughtered tonnes	168,089	159,711	202,372	213,329	188,533

(a) Excludes offal.

Month	Cattle		Calves		Sheep		Lambs		Pigs	
	Number slaugh- tered	Dressed carcass weight tonnes	Number slaugh- tered	Dressed carcass weight tonnes	Number slaugh- tered	Dressed carcass weight tonnes	Number slaugh- tered	Dressed carcass weight tonnes	Number slaugh- tered	Dressed carcass weight tonnes
1972 - July	39,542	7,825	676	54	261,799	4,737	98,974	1,291	42,311	2,275
August	35,943	7,062	1,050	79	310,219	5,504	114,709	1,477	39,845	2,126
September	33,022	6,432	966	74	317,118	5,628	126,997	1,714	40,132	2,229
October	37,752	7,408	1,063	81	356,391	6,435	236,356	3,239	44,728	2,512
November	40,728	7,945	1,913	141	430,792	7,828	184,266	2,585	43,112	2,437
December	36,258	6,893	1,621	123	423,317	7,649	109,164	1,494	37,993	2,091
1973 - January	41,045	7,638	1,749	134	464,422	8,258	103,602	1,383	42,558	2,479
February	39,874	7,446	1,821	142	443,644	7,770	80,385	1,082	43,869	2,540
March	43,959	7,892	1,720	129	524,589	9,133	83,327	1,105	51,740	3,157
April	32,493	6,139	928	72	316,764	5,584	67,700	922	48,607	2,813
May	41,980	8,212	830	62	240,620	4,198	60,450	803	57,812	3,280
June	40,336	8,007	859	62	139,707	2,409	52,696	688	44,813	2,421
Total, 1972-73	462,932	88,897	15,196	1,155	4,229,382	75,133	1,318,626	17,785	537,520	30,359
1973 - July	43,336	8,388	863	58	181,555	3,322	94,148	1,321	53,242	2,955
August	55,660	10,787	1,145	77	188,697	3,476	115,111	1,598	48,743	2,807
September	49,183	9,595	952	65	205,933	3,975	155,103	2,401	43,579	2,503
October	49,060	9,739	937	65	222,802	4,284	253,204	3,844	48,186	2,726
November	53,016	10,774	925	65	308,517	5,909	172,255	2,609	45,808	2,748
December	37,090	7,225	704	48	239,121	4,538	54,579	880	38,067	2,045
1974 - January	37,445	7,137	773	55	223,114	4,253	54,111	814	38,136	2,220
February	34,758	6,579	674	47	228,402	4,281	46,714	699	36,581	2,076
March	30,106	5,732	612	42	247,972	4,601	51,035	754	38,483	2,249
April	25,541	4,995	559	38	177,933	3,312	59,795	886	36,563	2,092
May	27,939	5,557	587	38	185,773	3,462	65,491	964	36,582	2,127
June	31,310	6,952	759	48	161,057	3,016	63,839	944	32,587	1,721
Total, 1973-74	477,444	93,460	9,490	646	2,570,877	48,441	1,185,385	17,716	496,557	28,270

(a) Excludes offal.

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